

TRI-STATE HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.



2016-2017 SUPPLEMENT TO NHSRA RULEBOOK

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

- 1)** The name of the Association is and shall be the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association, Inc. also referred to as TSHSRA.
- 2)** The purpose for which this association is formed is to provide and promote the competitive events of rodeo.
- 3)** "Purpose: To promote the highest conduct and sportsmanship at all rodeos."

OFFICERS

- 1)** The Student Officers of the TSHSRA shall be as follows: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, and Secretary/Historian. They shall be elected on a yearly basis by the membership.
- 2)** The President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, and Secretary/Historian shall be nominated at a called meeting approximately 60 days before the Finals. Nominations shall be made from the floor. A minimum of four members may be nominated to fill the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary/Historian positions. The one receiving the most votes will be President, second highest number of votes will

be 1st Vice-President, ~~and~~ the third largest number of votes will be 2nd Vice-President and the fourth largest number of votes will be Secretary/Historian.

3) In case of a tie vote for any office, seniority will prevail.

4) The President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary/Historian shall have the usual duties of these offices with the exception of the duties that are delegated by the Board of Directors.

5) The Student Officers and membership will have one meeting during the TSHSRA Finals. The officers may call a meeting at any time during the year for the purpose of conducting business or making recommendations to the Board of Directors.

6) The Board of Directors shall be made up of nine elected persons. From those nine, three will be selected to represent Region 1 on the Texas High School Rodeo Association Board of Directors. TSHSRA directors will serve three year terms – three to be elected each year. They will be nominated by the TSHSRA membership at a called meeting during the spring semester, with the election and voting to be held soon thereafter. Parents will be eligible for election to the TSHSRA Board if they have a child that is a member of the Junior High Division and in the 8th grade at the time of nominations/elections.

Ballots will be provided to individual members and paid adult members and the results announced at a date set by the Board. No person shall serve as a Director without having a member in TSHSRA.

7) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Board of Directors to conduct and manage the business, property, and affairs of the TSHSRA. The Board of Directors may take any actions which it considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the TSHSRA and may enter into any contract or obligation in furtherance thereof.

8) The General Membership Meeting shall be open for observation to members and card holders in good standing. However, the Board of Directors may go into Executive Session at which time, members shall not be allowed to attend.

9) At the annual meeting or any called meeting, each club that is a member of TSHSRA shall have two voting delegates and will be allowed only two votes per club. Sponsors shall have no votes unless there is no member from their club present and then they have two votes.

An agenda for the meeting will be posted and only agenda items will be discussed. Members wishing to add a subject of discussion or a proposed rule change to the agenda must submit the item or items, in writing, to the Executive Secretary at least five days before the meeting.

The Board of Directors will review and approve the agenda before it is posted.

10) The Executive Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and Directors meeting and mail to all sponsors. He/She shall be custodian for the safe keeping of all documents and records of the TSHSRA. The secretary will audit the results from each rodeo to determine the correct awarding of points. He/She shall make reports of her/his office and shall account for all moneys by itemized statements in detail to the Board of Directors and General Membership upon request of the Board. The Executive Secretary shall receive a salary as approved by the Board of Directors and shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary will not be the spouse of a member of the Board of Directors.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The TSHSRA shall be a non-profit organization in that no individual member shall receive any returns from it. Should the TSHSRA be dissolved at any time, all funds of the TSHSRA, after payment of debts, shall be given to some recognized charity as directed by the Board of Directors and no member would share in such funds.

SPONSORS

- 1) High School rodeo clubs shall have a sponsor. Each club shall be allowed 2 sponsors and designate them as Sponsor and Co-Sponsor. The Sponsor and Co-Sponsor of each club will be elected by TSHSRA card carrying members.
- 2) All Sponsors and Co-Sponsors are expected to comply with all TSHSRA rules.

BY-LAWS

MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Membership shall be open to all high school students, grades 9 through 12 who are members of a high school rodeo club and are in good standing with TSHSRA. To be in good standing with TSHSRA, a member must be passing 70% of their subjects from an accredited high school, private school, home school, year round school or correspondence school. Proof of eligibility is the responsibility of the member and/or parents. Grades are to be sent in when joining and following each semester grading period. If not passing required percentage of subjects, members cannot rodeo for at least 3 rodeos. If passing at the end of the 3 rodeos, grades may be submitted and they can participate again. Those graduating with their class in May but getting out of classes

early (mid-term or 2nd quarter) will be eligible to go ahead and compete and go to the Finals. A membership application must be on file in TSHSRA before contestant is eligible to participate in any TSHSRA rodeo.

2) If the Association has a money raising project/s, each member must fulfill those obligations as set by the TSHSRA Board for that year. Each member will be notified by letter the conditions and requirements.

3) Any member that misses the fundraising deadline will be ineligible to compete in the first spring rodeo. Member will remain ineligible until all requirements are met.

4) TSHSRA membership fee to be \$100.00.

5) Membership shall be allowed for a period of four years and member cannot be 19 before September 1st of that year.

6) Membership fee for TSHSRA clubs shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100). This amount is to be sent with the application for a Sponsor's card. Every club will host a minimum of one rodeo per year.

TSHSRA FINALS

1) The TSHSRA will put on a Finals Rodeo after the last TSHSRA rodeo is over.

2) The top fifteen contestants in each event through the year will be eligible to participate.

- 3)** All-Around Cowboy and All-Around Cowgirl awards will be given.
- 4)** For the Year-End Awards, Champions will receive an award and a buckle and Reserve Champion will receive a buckle.
- 5)** Miss TSHSRA will be announced at the final performance of the Finals Rodeo.
- 6)** There will be 3 goes- 3 head or 3 runs.
- 7)** To be eligible for the All-Around award, a person must have entered and placed in at least two events during the year.
- 8)** Points will be awarded for each go and for the top 10 winners in the average. No points will double. All points received at the Finals will be added to the total points for the year. The 10 point system will be used for each go and for the average.
- 9)** The events for the Finals will be: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Goat Tying.
- 10)** In the event one of the top 15 finalist draws out or is unable to compete, the next contestant in line shall move up and in case of a tie, all will be allowed to move up. The only accepted excuses for not competing in a scheduled Finals performance and getting stock or runs at another designated time will be a post season UIL sponsored function or graduation of an immediate family member.

- 11) Contestant will not draw the same animal twice.
- 12) Team Ropers at the finals cannot change ends once competition begins. To do so, is an automatic disqualification.
- 13) Members must secure a \$50 ad or donation to be paid by a designated date before the end of the fall semester; this goes toward Finals expenses.
- 14) Members must be present to accept their award/s at the banquet/awards presentation. Request for missing awards presentation to be presented in writing and can only be excused with Board approval.
- 15) Members attending awards presentation must be in dress code as required during rodeo participation.

SANCTIONED RODEOS

- 1) The TSHSRA provides its own rules for rodeo contestants which are approved for points in the Finals and all approved rodeos must adhere to these rules. Failure to comply with these rules will be cause for blacklisting said rodeo and host club for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 2) To have an approved TSHSRA Rodeo, you must have all approved TSHSRA events; those

events that are listed for the Finals shall be the guide.

3) The Board of Directors must approve all dates for an approved TSHSRA Rodeo. The Board of Directors reserves the right to approve any rodeo for a civic or fraternal organization that they deem fit. When an approved rodeo is co-sponsored by another group, it shall so be stated.

4) TSHSRA rodeos shall be for members and non-members. Rules for non-members are as follows: **May enter all rodeos (excluding the finals) as a non-member; will pay an additional \$25 non-member fee per rodeo.** Non-members are eligible for payback money but will receive no points or awards at that rodeo.

5) The management of all TSHSRA approved rodeos shall provide an ambulance and adequate first aid facilities or the equivalent where an ambulance is not available for all performances --- this also includes slack. If the ambulance has to leave for any reason, the rodeo competition must stop until it returns or is replaced by a second ambulance.

6) All approved TSHSRA Rodeos shall be one go-round until all performances are finished. The highest scores and the fastest time for all events shall determine the winners.

7) There will be a \$9.00 office charge per contestant per rodeo paid to TSHSRA.

8) Clubs hosting rodeos have the option to add money, give saddles, buckles, etc.

9) Team Roping Steers: Must have at least **1/3** as many steers as teams entered. No bulls unless approved by the Board. Steers must be uniform in weights and breed. Cattle may be steers and heifers with horns.

10) There cannot be back to back rodeos by 2 different clubs, unless approved by the Board.

11) Order of Events to be: Pole Bending, Bareback Riding, Breakaway Roping, Tri-State Calf Roping, Barrel Racing, Saddle Bronc Riding, Goat Tying, Region 1 Calf Roping, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling and Team Roping.

12) Host rodeo clubs must give some type of All-Around Boy and All-Around Girl Award with a minimum of \$100 value per award. In the event of a tie for all around, the award will go to the contestant who earned points in the highest number of events. If still tied, the award will go to the contestant with the most points earned in a single event. If still tied, the winner will be determined by a coin toss.

13) Members will pay a \$7 finals charge for each rodeo entered during the year; this goes toward Finals expenses.

14) If a rodeo wants to have ground rules, they must first be presented to the Board for approval.

Ground rules must be submitted in writing not less than 2 weeks prior to date of rodeo. If agreed upon by the Board, the ground rules will be posted at the rodeo along with the draw.

MONEY BACK RODEO

Entry fee shall be \$49 per rough stock event, \$34 per each steer, and calf roping event, and \$32 for each of the barrel, pole, and goat tying events. \$20 of each entry shall be paid back in the event in which the entry was for except rough stock events which will be \$25. \$10 goes to the host Rodeo Club per contestant run in the barrels, poles, and goats, \$17 for each rough stock out, and \$12 for each roping and steer wrestling run per event. In case of a tie, the money shall be divided evenly. There will be 1 place paid for 1-5 contestants (100%); 2 places paid for 6-10 contestants (60%, 40%); 3 places paid for 11-15 contestants (50%, 30%, 20%); 4 places paid for 16-20 contestants (40%, 30%, 20%, 10%); 5 places paid for 21-25 contestants (30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%); 6 places paid for 26 or more contestants (29%, 24%, 19%, 14%, 9%, 5%). If only 1 place qualified in any event 100% will be paid back. Any place that is not qualified will be paid back in ground money.

1) A TSHSRA member may draw out of any rodeo up to 48 hours of the first performance and

his money shall be refunded. After that time the only way that a TSHSRA member can draw out and get his money back is with a Doctor's release (or a Vet's release for barrel racers and pole benders only). The rodeo secretary must be notified of this decision 2 hours before the start of the final performance. The signed release must be in the hands of the rodeo secretary 7 days after the final performance. Failure to do this will result in loss of entry fee. There will be a \$9.00 office charge and \$7 finals charge for each contestant draw-out.

2) All riding stock, re-rides, and timed-event stock shall be drawn for at least one (1) hour before the start of each performance. All cattle in the draw will be run one time before any cattle will be run twice. In a 2 or more performance rodeo there will be no pen setting for any event. Draws must be from the herd on each performance. All draws will be posted. Team Roping will be chute run.

3) Positions shall be drawn for in each event, and shall not be changed.

4) Two qualified timers must keep time (same 2 at all performances). Times will be averaged.

5) To call off any rodeo performance, the head sponsor of hosting rodeo club and arena directors must make official decision and inform contestants.

MISCONDUCT - - BLACKLIST/ SUSPENSION

- 1)** A member may be blacklisted for displaying poor sportsmanship, poor conduct, being in the arena while not participating in an event, drinking, being disrespectful, cussing, or deliberately turning out stock.
- 2)** Penalty for being blacklisted will be suspension of one or two rodeos and/or \$250 fine upon decision of Directors. Penalty for second offense will be suspension of session.
- 3)** Misconduct, by word or deed, of any member, parent, or adult shall be considered by the Board of Directors. If deemed necessary, the person can be suspended and/or fined, as set and decided by the Board of Directors.
- 4)** If a person is blacklisted, it will be posted openly by the Executive Secretary.
- 5)** Any person displaying poor conduct, rowdiness, destruction of property, and leaving a bad impression on TSHSRA in motels, restaurants, or other public places during the entire week of the rodeo, in the host town, will be permanently suspended from the Association according to the Board of Directors decision.
- 6)** Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, or harass the judges at any time between the opening and closing dates of a rodeo, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge or timer in any way

while an event is in progress will result in contestant being disqualified and/or fined; parents to be fined a minimum of \$250. Contestants violating these regulations may be disqualified by the judges or arena director. Fines must be paid before contestant can enter another rodeo.

7) Any member of the TSHSRA in repeat violation of rules shall be permanently suspended from the Association and will not be allowed to enter any approved TSHSRA rodeos.

8) Members of the Association shall govern themselves and each other.

TSHSRA GENERAL RULES

1) All contestants are required to read the rules carefully, particularly those related to the contests or events in which they enter. Failure to understand rules will not be accepted as an excuse.

2) The TSHSRA assumes no responsibility for injury or damage to the person, property, or stock of any owner, contestant, or assistant. Each participant, by the act of entering, waives all right or claims against the TSHSRA, Stock Contractor, Sponsoring Club, Directors, Officers, or anyone associated with a rodeo from all liabilities in case of accident or injury that might be sustained to his/her self or his/her property. A TSHSRA member must have on file a notarized minor's release.

3) Contestants must be on hand to answer call of arena director and must comply with all TSHSRA rules.

4) Decision to waive the hat rule to be made by Arena Director and at least 2 TSHSRA Directors.

5) No person shall be allowed in the arena during rodeo performance unless entered, or as an assistant. Anytime parents are in the arena, they are not allowed past the score line. Each contestant will be allowed 1 and only 1 assistant in the arena and 2 assistants behind the rough stock chutes when he or she is contesting. All contestants and their helpers must leave the arena immediately after completion of their run or ride. No one is allowed to sit on roping box fences during the rodeo performance.

6) Each TSHSRA member will ride for a TSHSRA club.

7) If a problem occurs, or if at any approved rodeo, any situation arises which is not covered in the NHSRA rulebook, the TSHSRA supplement or the PRCA rulebook, the TSHSRA Directors decision will be final.

8) All approved TSHSRA rodeos must use approved Stock Contractors and Judges. To be approved by the Board of Directors, they must first join the TSHSRA and pay a fee of (1) Stock Contractors -- \$50, (2) Judges -- \$25. A deadline shall be set by the Board of Directors each year for Stock Contractors and Judges to join TSHSRA.

If a club uses a Stock Contractor or Judge that has not paid TSHSRA dues, the hosting club will be held responsible for these fees. The approved personnel list may be updated at the Board of Directors discretion.

9) Stock Contractor to be responsible for qualified and capable bullfighters and pickup men. Pickup men should be experienced, at least 18 years of age and not a member of Tri-State High School Rodeo Association. Stock Contractor must submit names of bullfighters and pickup men to THSRA Secretary.

10) Stock Contractors and Judges for each rodeo must come from the TSHSRA approved list. Clubs are responsible to have 2 bullfighters. Judges shall not officiate at a rodeo in which a member of their immediate family or household is contesting. Judges must have thorough knowledge of the NHSRA rulebook and the TSHSRA supplement. The rodeo secretary for host rodeo must submit a list containing the judges, stock contractors and arena directors to the Executive Secretary at least 14 days prior to that rodeo for approval.

11) Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the rodeo grounds and it shall be the duty of each host rodeo to post signs to this effect. Failure to do so shall be subject to fine imposed by the Board of Directors.

12) Dogs are to be tied or on a leash at all times and to remain at the vehicle. No dogs in the stands.

13) Should any contestant fail to meet any financial obligation to any TSHSRA approved rodeo, the fact shall be reported to the Executive Secretary and the contestant shall be suspended from participation in any TSHSRA approved rodeo until obligation is met. In like manner any contestant who gives false information to an approved rodeo when entering regarding address, name or other pertinent fact, shall forfeit entry fees and any money or prizes that may have been won at the rodeo. Entry fee shall be fine to TSHSRA. In case where a TSHSRA member should be found guilty of this offense, his or her membership is suspended immediately and he or she will never be eligible for membership again and will be suspended from competing in all TSHSRA approved rodeos from that day forward. In case of any question the burden of proof is of the member. Any member who gives a bad check shall be fined \$25.00 for the first offense; \$100.00 for the second offense. No checks will be accepted after a second offense – only cash or money order.

14) Entries will open on all TSHSRA approved rodeos 14 days prior to the first performance. Entries will close on all TSHSRA approved rodeos 7 days prior to the first performance. Entries must be to the Executive Secretary by that date. Any

entries not received by the deadline will be assessed a \$25 late fine per envelope to be paid before competing. No late entries will be accepted after 9:00 AM Tuesday the week of the rodeo. Failure to comply will result in contestant being blacklisted. Alternative entry will be in effect at first rodeo.

15) If a rodeo does not have an assigned person to push calves and steers out of the chutes, each contestant may select someone to push stock.

16) Western saddle will be required by all contestants any and every time they are horseback in the arena before, during and after all performances of a TSHSRA rodeo.

17) Hazing of calves or steers beyond score line shall not be permitted unless so authorized by rodeo judges or arena director.

18) All cattle shall be run at least twice in the same arena in which they will be used prior to the first performance. All fresh tie-down calves shall be tied to the fence with a rope and tied at least three times each prior to the first performance.

19) All cattle must be run once before any cattle are run twice. Extras will remain as extras, unless needed to replace sick or injured stock.

20) A set of calves cannot be used for a second event at the same rodeo unless there is one for everyone in the first event. A contestant may draw the same calf in the second event.

21) Timed event cattle must be numbered with a plastic ear tag in one ear.

22) Protest Rule: To file a protest, contact the student event director and voice protest. Protest on rule infractions only, not on judgment call. Write out protest and post \$50.00 cash bond by end of that performance. If protest is valid, the \$50.00 will be refunded. Decision will be made by the Board of Directors at a called meeting.

23) Any rule violation the Board of Directors sees, the club and stock contractor will be fined. The amount will be determined by the Board. Any stock producer not in compliance will be fined \$250-\$500. One half of this fine will be paid by the host club.

24) Contestants will not be allowed to ride double or lead another horse in the grand entry.

25) No exhibition runs/outs during performances at rodeos.

26) Any contestant who does not call for animal in a timely manner will be given notification by the judge that he/she has 30 seconds to call for animal or be disqualified. Interpretation of "timely manner" is at the discretion of the judge.

27) In the barrel racing and pole bending, it will be an instant disqualification (for that round) if contestant runs out of order.

28) The NHSRA rulebook will be the official rulebook of the TSHSRA. This TSHSRA supplement

is revised August 2016 and supersedes any TSHSRA rule book.

TEAM ROPING RULES

- 1)** Each contestant will be allowed to carry one rope. Each team allowed two loops in all. At TSHSRA Finals, three loops will be allowed. If a team is to receive a re-run, that re-run will be taken at the end of that event.
- 2)** No cross-fires will be permitted.
- 3)** A ten second penalty will be added for a header intentionally jerking a steer down.
- 4)** Contestant may enter twice. If a roper wants to head or heel both times, they must rope with a different partner. If the roper wants to rope 2 times with the same partner, they must rope up and back.
- 5)** If the contestant places two times, both sets of points shall count toward the year-end awards and the all-around standings.
- 6)** If a contestant's partner does not show up; they can fill the open hole with someone who is already entered in that rodeo.
- 7)** For the Finals rodeo, the top 15 headers and top 15 heelers will compete. If a member has points in both, they must designate one, as they can only enter one time. The top 15 headers must match up with the top 15 heelers. In the

event of a tie the next team in line will be moved up. There will be at least 15 different teams. At the Finals, each team will receive 1 run per performance and points will be equal to other events for both partners.

8) At the finals, teams cannot change ends once competition starts. To do so, is automatic disqualification.

9) Length of score is to be determined by arena conditions.

10) Once a steer is loaded in the roping chute, it belongs to the team in the box. If steer escapes the chute, or the chute gate opens without the contestant signaling for gate to open, that steer will be brought back. Team must compete on same steer before beginning the next run on the cattle.

11) Judge who will be flagging the team roping shall call all contestants together immediately before the start of event and explain what he expects of each team before they will receive a flag for time.

PRODUCING TSHSRA APPROVED RODEOS

1) Several months before the rodeo date arrange for and line up: Stock Producer, Announcer, Judges, Gate Keeper, Rodeo Secretary, Bucking Chute Chairman, 2 Qualified Timers, Race

Events Chairman, and Arena Director with rule book knowledge.

2) Decide on awards that will be given to All-Around and/or event winners and order if necessary.

3) Several days before first performance:

a) line up ambulance

b) gather rodeo supplies

c) everyone helping with rodeo should study rulebook - especially part about events they help with.

d) post 'No Alcoholic Beverages' signs at arena

e) check on ground conditions at arena and make needed preparations to have ground in as good a condition as possible by rodeo date.

f) line up tractor and needed equipment to prepare ground.

g) see that a sled, heavy panel, or humane means will be available in case stock is injured and should need to be removed from the arena.

4) Each club is responsible for securing the box pads, barrel covers and arena banners from the rodeo held the week before theirs and to see that these are hung at the arena.

5) Each club is responsible for setting up the electric eye for their rodeo.

ARENA DIRECTOR

- 1)** Study the rulebook thoroughly and have thorough knowledge of the NHSRA and TSHSRA rules.
- 2)** Inform all helpers not to drink during the rodeo.
- 3)** Be sure all event chairmen have their supplies and do their preparations.
- 4)** Post No Alcoholic Beverages signs at the arena.
- 5)** The purpose of the Arena Director is to assure that the rodeo is conducted in accordance with the NHSRA and TSHSRA rule book to the best interest of the contestant.
- 6)** Judges will meet with the Arena Director before the rodeo and discuss their respective events, and judging procedure.
- 7)** Arena conditions permitting, decide which gate in the alleyway will be closed for barrels and poles and considered part of the arena for enforcement of the hat rule.
- 8)** Arena Director may have the arena dragged between events as he deems it necessary for safety reasons.

QUALIFIED TIMERS

All timers must be at all performances and slack. Clubs are encouraged to hire timers who do not have children competing in the rodeo.

RACE EVENTS CHAIRMAN

- 1)** It is best to have an adult as event chairman with contestants and club members as helpers.
- 2)** Mark places for barrels, poles and goat stake with permanent markers.
- 3)** If arena conditions allow for a center alley with a gate closed down the alley, not at the arena fence, place a banner or sign on this gate for safety reasons.
- 4)** Leave ample room for contestants to stop their horses when staking the barrel and pole pattern.
- 5)** Be sure to study the rule book on each of these events.
- 6)** Line up tractor driver, helpers to set up barrels and poles and to hold the goat.

ROPING BOX CHAIRMAN

- 1)** Inspect roping box and get it ready if not to standards before first performance of rodeo.
- 2)** Line up crew to untie calves during the rodeo when ropers complete their run.
- 3)** No metal objects can be used on barrier neck rope.
- 4)** All fresh cattle must be run and tied down.
- 5)** Barrier judge must appoint someone to inspect breakaway string girl uses before she enters the arena.

6) Study rulebook on all roping events and steer wrestling.

BUCKING CHUTE CHAIRMAN

Line up crew to help work gates, unrig, etc. Be sure gates work properly.

GATE KEEPER

- 1)** No Alcoholic Beverages allowed.
- 2)** Maximum admission charge for Adults is \$5.
- 3)** Each club may set the price of their programs.

SECRETARY

- 1)** Print programs.
- 2)** Judges books will be furnished by Executive Secretary -- plan to help with draw, write draw on sheets, post draw where contestants can see it. Stock shall be drawn before each performance with at least one judge and director present to witness draw. Two judges may be present if a director is not available.
- 3)** Check judges books: After each performance, check the judges' books. Add all scores again to be sure they are correct. If not correct, correct your official score. Judges scores are official.
- 4)** Make sure clocks and stop watches are available.